

He also pointed out to the Village Panchayets the desirability of providing themselves, where possible, with fire extinguishers and of keeping in stock a quantity of zinc sheets for affording ready relief to people who may be rendered homeless. The Revenue Commissioner further ^{states} ~~reports~~ that each village should have a Gokatte and that provision for this is being made in the programme of Village Improvement works.

3. Government are of opinion that if people could be induced to build detached tiled houses in the villages, the ^{damage} ~~possibilities~~ ^{due to} ~~of the occurrence of~~ accidents from fire would be minimised to a considerable extent. With this among other objects in view, Government have been pleased to authorise the grant of loans for building tiled houses in place of thatched ones in rural areas - Vide G.O.No. R.50-104/L.R.299-25-42 dated the 17th October 1926, and R.7319-78/R.M.16-26-22 dated the 5th May 1927. But it is a matter for regret that this concession has not been freely utilised by the people ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ the Malnad. Government are not, however, without hope that if ^{sustained and} ~~a~~ vigorous propaganda is carried on and a proper lead is given to the people in the matter by local officers, the advantages of ^{living} ~~leaving~~ in ^{will -} ~~pucca~~ built houses would be more widely appreciated and the concessions above referred to more largely availed of. They therefore desire that District Officers should take more active steps in the matter with the co-operation of local bodies and leading citizens. Propaganda in this behalf should be regarded as a matter

Real
 matter of ~~first~~ importance in the work of
 the District Boards ~~and~~ the Malnad ~~Temporal~~ ^{Improvement}
 Committees ^{the} Village Panchayats.

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 Chief Secretary to Govt.

CSK
24/12

To

1. D.C. in Mysore.
 2. Secy. of S.B.
 3. Secy. of S.B.
 4. Supt. Engrs.
 H.K.S. 1. Press Table.

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Part B for *December 1928*

The occurrence of a disastrous fire at Issa ⁱⁿ village in Shikaripur Taluk.

2.

The Revenue Commissioner

The Heads of the Departments

The Superintending Engineers of Mysore &
Shimoga Circles.

Van
7.1.1929.

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Secretariat.

R. No. File No. 3 of 1927.

Serial
No.

13.

From the Dy Commr, Shimoga Dist.

D.O. L 1573/28

Submits a preliminary report on the occurrence of a disastrous fire at Issur Village in the Shikarpur Taluk at about mid-day on the 13th inst resulting in a considerable loss of life and property.

14.

From the Dy Commr in Mysore

Ltr L 1613/28

Submits a preliminary report about the fire at Issur Village.

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1) Issur is a prosperous village in the Shikarpur Taluk having about 400 to 500 houses and a population of 2000. A fire is said to have occurred ^{at} incidentally in that village on the 13th March 1928 at about mid-day, which practically destroyed all the houses in the village. The number of deaths as ascertained at present is about 26, including 3 or 4 children, and the number of persons who received burns is estimated at 35. The loss of property is estimated at about 2 to 3 lakhs of rupees.

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2) The Revenue Commissioner had been on a tour to Shimoga District. He and the Deputy Commissioner went to the spot and have made arrangements for giving necessary reliefs to the destitute people. The following concessions have been promised to them:--

- (i) Remission of kandayam during the current year amounting to about Rs.4,000/-
- (ii) Free grant of timber for building houses.
- (iii) Supply of food and clothing to the destitutes, for which the Deputy Commissioner has arranged to open a general kitchen.

3) The Deputy Commissioner has asked for a grant of Rs.2,000/- for the relief to the sufferers.

4) A Relief Committee for the grant of gratuitous relief has been organised on the spot and the Amildar has been authorised to collect subscriptions.

5) The Deputy Commissioner has asked the Sub Division Officer to camp for about a week at the village, and furnish a detailed report about the occurrence of fire and the relief measures necessary.

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1 A sum of Rs 2000 may be placed at the disposal of the Dy Commr for the grant of relief to the sufferers. Whether any portion of this can be met from the Flood Relief Fund will be separately examined.

7 The Dy Commr may also be authorised to give building materials from State forests in consultation with the Conservator, Shewga Circle and report action taken to the Chief Conservator.

8 Regarding proposed remission of Kendaayam, an appeal reference may be awaited.

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First Member

Dewan

10) The proposals for the grant of relief are all right as far as they go, but we must try to devise

some means for preventing such deplorable accidents, the

main village might be made use of to build other village the importance of building detached houses & of taking some obvious precaution against such accidents. R.C. may be asked to send up proposals for consultation with the

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in district, as well as for

reforms proposed in the

Carra's Gov. Cals under for

Assistance for the reconstruction of villages as far as possible

9 This is the most terrible fire in recent times in the State. I agree with the above proposals of Chief Secy. I would propose that Gov may sanction 2,000 or more for an equal amount from Flood Relief Committee. The assessments for this year has been submitted & R.C. might be asked to submit proposals. This may perhaps be sent for H.H.'s perusal with a draft G.O. The Resolving has been prompt & resourceful.

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13) Would add a
was also at Galt
having heard of this
fire with report also
all the reasons why
it happened shown by the
local officers & the DG

CHIEF SECRETARY
24 MAR. 1928

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Chief Secy
thru.
Gen. Secy.

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14) Same. Instructions given in
para to Mr. S. Nairan for further action
being taken.

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G.O. No. R.7494-96 & 27. 3. 28.
The Revenue Commr.

The Deputy Commr. Shimoga
The Comptroller through H. Secy.

Accords sanction to certain
relief measures to the sufferers
in connection with the occurrence
of a disastrous accidental fire
at Pinar village on 13th March 28.
and regret very much the
occurrence of the fire causing
much loss to human life &
property

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From the D.C., Shimoga

Serial
No.

no. M.4. A.F. 95/27-28, 26/3

Requests that an additional
statement of at least
Rs 10,000/- may be immediately
placed at his disposal for
grant of takari loans to
the sufferers for purchase
of seed grains, food
materials and for the
reconstruction of houses
destroyed by fire.

Subd for orders. A sum of
Rs 2000/- has already
been placed at the disposal
of the D.C. (H.N.)

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- (1) order re Comm
- (2) sending Mr G's 2,000 to D.C.
- (3) getting sanction
addl 10,000 for loan

21) Immediate
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15) D. F. N. put up for appl
An extract of the Dewan's order will be
sent to the D.C. for info and
early report.

7th Member. 28/3
Communicated in this order
no. 1692 of 5/5
the above clearly.
16) I am unable to follow my loss
was that a draft G.O. & D.F. IV.
Shake your up; & Dewan
suggested some more measures.

17) Please put up a
clear note or explain in person
under what order
this G.O. issued. 12, 13, & 14
are not clear.

18) Please also note
what is proposed about Dewan's
suggestion. (2) the D.C.'s present
proposal. (3) the discussion on
the same.

19) (3) Mr. Garudachar promised
Rs 2,000, which he might report
to D.C.

20) Order needs to be approved
a committee as promised by
Dewan in D.C. This is same as
above. D.F. might be added to all
above & done.

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File No. of 192

Serial
No.

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22) The draft B.C. calling
for his opinion re formation of a
committee for propaganda work as per
Bewari ~~revised~~ minute in para 10
supra is sent up. The draft
B.C. to Mr. Chawanchand re
the contribution of Rs 2000 from
the Flood Relief Funds is also
sent up. As regards the additional
grant of Rs 10000 asked for by
the Dy Commr. Shimoga for
Takkari loans, the Commr.
has been received direct &
sent through B.C. If appd. the
B.C. will be asked to have
funds to place at the disposal
of B.C. Govt may grant
an addl. allotment

23) Refer. minute para supra.

First Member }
Thro. }
Chief Secy }

MS
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CHIEF SECRETARY
30 MAR 1928

24) After issue of all
the papers will you
please note on A.C.
Revise B.F.N. & Submit

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25) Subd the following for orders.

1) D.O. letter to Mr. Garudachar signed by the Chief Secretary will be issued.

2). A copy of the above D.O may perhaps be sent to the R.C. & the D.C. Shimoga for information.

3). A draft of a letter to the R.C. is being prepared inquiring if he can comply with the D.C.'s request for additional allotment asked for for granting Sukari loans to the sufferers.

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To
Mr. B. K. Garudachar.
Vice-President, Flood Relief
Committee, B'lore.

D.O. No. R. 7619 of 3.4.28
For a copy of G.O. of 27.3.28
re: the occurrence of an accidental
fire at Dssur and requests
that a sum of Rs 2000/-
may be sent to the D.C. Shimoga
direct & the same intimated to
Govt.

copy to the D.C. Shimoga.
No. 1/P 7620 of 3.4.28
R.C. Shimoga for info.

WD 0824--GPB-60,000-24-5-27 No. R. 7621. of 3.4.28

General and Revenue
Secretariat.

File No. 2 of 1927-28.

Serial
No.
18(a)

To The Revenue Commr
Letter No. R 7622 of 3.11.27
Forwards copy of letter of 26.3.28
from the D. C. Shimoga and enquires
whether he can place an additional
allotment of Rs 10000/- at the disposal
of the D. C. Shimoga for the issue
of takavi loans to the people
who suffered in the disastrous
fire at Issur village. Shikarpurh.

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Rm File No. 3 of 1927.

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Serial
No.

Extract from R.A. file bearing D.No. 5355 of 1927.

Para 13 of the notes of the file.

" The proposals for the grant of relief are all right as far as they go, but we must try and devise some means for preventing such deplorable accidents in future. The calamity which overtook this village might be made use of to impress upon other villages the importance of building detached houses and of taking some obvious precautions against such accidents. R.C. may be asked to send up proposals in consultation with the D.C. and leading men of the District. A well organised vigorous propaganda will have to be carried out on and Govt could render financial assistance for the reconstruction of such villages as far as possible.

Sd. H.M.I.

20-3-28.

(R.m 3-27-13, 14 +15)

28) A draft Calling for the report from the R.C. is put up as instructed above and in the original file.

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29) Please put up a types fair draft as revised

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Sign the draft please.

30) May the draft approved by the Secretary issue?

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WP 224-328-60,000-24-5-27

who examined the accounts, has given various dates on which various sums of money are said to have been defalcated. The mode of reasoning for making out the defalcation is identical with that shown above for defalcation of ₹ 800/- on 6-4-1920. The same objection applies to all of them. As stated already whether they are cases of defalcation or cases of bona fide exchange of cash into notes or vice versa depends on other considerations. According to the prosecution the sums defalcated were sometimes shown in whole rupees, at other times in one rupee notes and at some other times in Rupees hundred notes and were finally fixed in notes of rupees ten and ₹ 5/-. These manipulations and shiftings of shortages from one denomination of currency to another and from the double lock to remittance box can be clearly seen in the cases considered below.

IX. On 21-7-1924, ten notes of ₹ 100/- were taken out and though there was no scope for the expenditure of any one of them not one was put into the double lock box. There was therefore according to the mode of reasoning adopted by the prosecution, a defalcation of ₹ 1000/- that day. The put in entry shows among others, 75 x 10 Rs. and 50 x ₹ 5/- or exactly equal to ₹ 1000/-. The amount defalcated is here shown in ₹ 5/- and ₹ 10 notes. On 18-8-1924 two notes of ₹ 100/- or equal to ₹ 200/- were taken and none put in. There was a defalcation of ₹ 200 and it was represented in ₹ 1 notes. The put in entry shows 640 notes of Re.1/-. Of this 640, according to the prosecution, 440/- alone could be true and the rest inflated to cover the shortage. On these two dates there is a total defalcation of ₹ 1200/-. The grounds on which the prosecution tried to make out these cases of defalcation may appear unconvincing but the manner in which 75 x 10 and 50 x 5 and 200 x 1 notes are subsequently dealt with will establish beyond doubt that they are cases of defalcation and not ordinary transactions of exchange.

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Rm File No. 3 of 1927-28

Serial
No.31) A typed fair draft is put up as directed in para 3 *Supra*.mb.
3.4.28

32) In perusal before with reference to Para 1.

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4/434) Issue & mt up of D. N. only.
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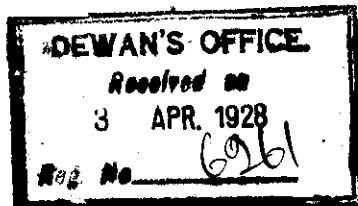
To The Revenue Commr.

Letter No. R. 7716. of 5.4.28

With reference to G.O. of 27.3.28
Sanctioning certain relief measures in
connection with the occurrence of a fire
at Baur village. States for reasons
mentioned that a well-organized
propaganda will have to be carried
on with a view to prevent such deplorable
accidents in future and requests that
suitable proposals may be sent upon
the subject in consultation with the
D.C. and leading men of the Dist.

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A. n. File No. 3 of 1927-15

Serial
No.

P. n. D I

From

The Deputy Commr, Shimoga Dist
in A. n. 95/27-28 dated 2.4.28.
Requests that the sum of Rs 2000/-
sanctioned in G.O. dated 27.3.1928
may be placed at his disposal & the
Comptroller authorized to disburse the
same.

P. n. D II

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From

The Revenue Commr
Letter no. C. 2510/27-28 of 5.4.28.
Requests for the reasons given
that an additional sum of Rs 8000/-
under Land Improvement and of
Rs 23500/- under Takavi may
be sanctioned to meet the situation
that has arisen now in the Dist
of Shimoga, Holar and Hassan.

P. n. D III

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From The vice-chairman

mysore Distress Relief Fund?
D.O. 6.4.28
For copy of his D.O. dated 6.4.28
to the D.C. Shimoga forwarding a
cheque for Rs 1500/- the amount
available at present for distribution
to the Superiors of Dossur village
Shikurpur M.

35) Orders thereon.

" References".

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Exhibits P149 and P1(x) the invoice and double lock register show that a remittance of Rs 38,300/- was sent to the District Treasury on 30-8-1924. Exactly the same amount was taken out from double lock box to fill up the remittance boxes. The double lock register shows that the notes taken out were:-

10 x	100 Rs.
300 x	10 "
102 x	5 "
10 x	2½ "
3955 x	1 Re.

The invoice shows:-

10 x	100
200 x	10
302 x	5
10 x	2½
3955 x	1.

As against 300 notes of Rs 10 taken out only 200 are invoiced or 100 x 10 or Rs 1000/- less. As against 102 x Rs 5 taken out 302 x 5 is put in or an increase of 200 x 5 or Rs 1000/-. It will be remembered that the amount said to be defalcated on 21-7-1924 was Rs 1000/- and it was that day represented in 75 x 10 Rs. and 50 x 5 = 1000/-.

In the interval between 21-7-1924 and 30-8-1924 this shortage of Rs 1000/- appears to have been shifted to Rs 10/- notes. It may have been done after 6-9-1924 when the remittance of 21-7-1924 was tested. Though the taken out entry on 30-8-1924 shows 300 x 10 it must actually be only 200 x 10 which was the number invoiced. The shortage of 100 x 10 or 1000/- is shifted to Rs 5 notes by inflating it in the invoice by 200 x 5 or Rs 1000/-. This is made clearer still in the remittance of 27-9-1924. (Exs. P150 and P1(x)).

On that day 35,500 rupees were remitted. The taken out

entry shows

23 x	100 Rs.
100 x	10 "
300 x	5 "
4 x	2½ "
9625x	1 Re.
	rest coins.

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The invoice shows:-

35 x 100 Rs.
100 x 10 "
100 x 5 "
4 x 2½"
9425 x 1 Re.

It will be seen that the sum of Rs 1000/- defalcated on 21-7-1924 and Rs 200/- on 18-8-1924 is here shifted to Rs 100 Notes. It will be remembered that Rs 200/- said to be defalcated on 18-8-1924 was represented in Re.1 notes by inflating the actual 440 into 640. As against 9625 one rupee notes taken out only 9425 or 200 less are invoiced. The balance of Rs 200/- one rupee notes were not put back into the double lock and there is nothing to show that they were otherwise dealt with. As against 300/- notes of Rs 5/- taken out only 100 are invoiced leaving 200 x 5 or Rs 1000/- unaccounted for.

In the previous remittances of 30-8-1924 the number of Rs 5 notes sent in the remittance was inflated as shown above by exactly 200/-. This 200 x 5 Rs. and 200 x 1 Re. or Rs 1200/- shortage is now shifted to 100 Rs notes. As against 23 notes of 100/- taken out the number invoiced is 35 or 12 more which is equal to 1200/-. When did 200 x 5 and 200 x 1 suddenly go and hence did 12 x 100 Rs. come ? On the next date of remittance this shortage is shifted to Rs 10 notes. On 23-12-1924 there was a remittance of Rs 20,356/- as per Ex.P154 and P1(a). The taken out entry that day consisted among others of 33 x 100 Rs. and 566 x 10 Rs. The invoice shows 18 x 100 and 666 x 100 Rs. Out of 33 x 100 notes taken out 5 appear to have been retained for the day's transaction. Deducting it 28 ought to have been invoiced. As against it only 18 or 10 x 100 = 1000 Rs. less are invoiced. In their stead as against 566 x 10 Rs. taken out, the invoiced is 666 x 10 or 100 x 10 equals 1000 Rs. more.

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The shortage of Rs 1200/- which appeared on the previous date of remittance is here seen reduced to Rs 1000/- indicating 200/- had been made good. If 1000/- on 21-7-1924 and Rs 200/- on 18-8-1924 making a total of 1200/- Rs. Were not defalcated, these manipulations of the figures in the invoices and the shiftings of the shortage from Rs 10/- and Rs 5 notes to Rs 5 and Re. 1, then Rs 100/- and finally to Rs 10/- would not have been made. It is impossible to hold these are cases of bona fide exchange or pure coincidence. If these manipulations mean anything at all they indicate only that there was defalcation, as stated by the prosecution. If it were not so these manipulations would become meaningless. Subsequent to 23-12-1924 the shortage was further reduced to Rs 500/- and by 228-2-25 or thereabouts the shortage was completely wiped out. Therefore at the ~~time~~ time when the Deputy Commissioner Mr. Ramanathan inspected the Treasury on 15-6-1925 the balance on hand was correct and the temporary misappropriations made good by that time. After that date the vicious habit of taking monies from the Treasury for temporary personal needs appears to have reasserted itself and as more and more ~~sums~~ sums were defalcated the accused found themselves ~~unable~~ unable to recoup the shortage.

X. The same kind of manipulations are seen with even greater clearness on 9-9-1925 and 28-9-1925. On 9-9-25 ~~Rs~~ per Exs. P1(t) and P75(f) according to the mode of calculation adopted by the prosecution there was a defalcation of Rs 500/-. On that day the put in entry shows 520 x Re. 1. The prosecution case is that the sum of Rs 500 defalcated is here represented by inclating Re. 1 notes by 500/-, the actual number being only 20 and not 520. The balance in one Re. note after the remittance of 31-8-1925 was nil. Exs. P1(n) and P7 and P8 show that on 28-9-1925 there was a remittance of Rs 30,354/-. This is exactly the amount taken out from the

double lock box.

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Rm File No. 3 of 1927-28.

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Serial
No.
27)

Extract from R.m file bearing D.No. 5355 of 1927.
Para 10 of the notes of the file.

" The proposals for the grant of relief are all right as far as they go, but we must try and devise some means for preventing such deplorable accidents in future. The calamity which overtook this village might be made use of to - impress upon other villages the importance of - building detached houses and of taking some obvious precautions against such accidents. R.C. may be asked to send up proposals in consultation with the D.C. and leading men of the District. A well organised vigorous propaganda will have to be carried out - on and Govt could render financial assistance for the reconstruction of such villages as far as possible.

Sd. M.M.I.

20-3-28.

(R.m 3-27-13, 4 + 15)

28) A draft Calling for the report from the R. C. is put up as instructed above and in the original file.

27/2/28 29) Please put up a typed fair draft as revised
WWS 29/3

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30) May the draft approved by the Secretary issue?

WWS 27/4/28
WP 27/4/28 - 60,000 - 24-5-27
WWS 27/4

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Type the draft please.

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18(a)

To The Revenue Commr
Letter no R 7622 of 3.4.28
Forwards copy of letter of 26.3.28
from the D. C. Shimoga and enquires
whether he can place an additional
allotment of Rs 1000/- at the disposal
of the D. C. Shimoga for the issue
of takawi loans to the people
who suffered in the disastrous
fire at Issur village. Shikurpurh.

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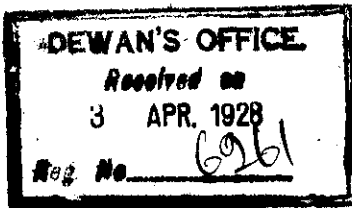
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31) A typed fair draft is put up as directed in para 3 Supra.

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with reference to Para 1.Dewan. $\frac{15}{3/4}$ 33) $\frac{15}{3/4}$ 18nu
4/434) Issue + mt up of D. N. only.
revision $\frac{15}{5/4}$

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To The Revenue Commr.

Letter No. R. 7910. of 5.4.28

With reference to G.O. of 27.3.28
Sanctioning certain relief measures in
connection with the occurrence of a fire
at Inaur village. States for reasons
mentioned that a well-organized
propaganda will have to be carried
on with a view to prevent such deplorable
accidents in future and requests that
suitable proposals may be sent upon
the subject in consultation with the
D.C. and leading men of the Dist.

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Subd.

36) The D's letter of the 2nd instant calls for no further action. It is ascertained from the Comptroller's Office that a letter authorising the Treasury Dept. at Shimoga to disburse the sum of Rs 2000/- sanctioned was issued and a copy to that effect was sent to the D. C. Shimoga on 5.4.1928.

P. n. D II
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37) Mr. Garudachar was requested in this office D.O. dated 3.4.1928 to spare a sum of Rs 2000/- from the Flood Relief Funds to provide additional relief to the affected people. He intimates that only Rs 1500/- (the amount available with him) was sent to the D. C. Shimoga.

38) As regards an additional sum of Rs 8000/- under Land Rept and of Rs 28500/- under Takavi loan asked for by the R-C in para 8 of his letter under disposal, the Financial Sect may perhaps be consulted.

* Rs 16500/- for grant under Takavi to the people who have suffered from the fire that occurred at 283wre. P. n. D III
* Rs 8000/- under Land Rept & Rs 7000/- under Takavi for meeting the urgent requisitions recd from Holar & Hassan Dist.

M.B.
18/4.

Chief Secy 18/4

39) The additional amounts may be

CHIEF SECRETARY
10 APR. 1928
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Continued with the proviso that the grant of Taccavi advances should be confined as far as possible to tracts in which there is distress or special difficulty. The actual amount spent may be reported when to place a supply demand before L.C. So far as the complaint of receiving the same

new

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40 Additional sums required are by L.C. are 8000 and 23500 respectively under L. I. and Taccavi Loans. The Comptroller has stated that in his letter of 31³/₁₉₂₈ that there is still a reserve of 5000 under L. I. Loans. Deducting this amount the amount reqd. under this head is 3000/-, if no further alterations are to be made.

41) There was a large saving of Rs 1,00,000 under "Advances and Loans" last year. The possibility of re-appropriation from other minor heads under this demand may be examined before going for

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No.an extra grant before the C.
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42) I agree in the above note.

There is a provision of Rs 50000
made for granting loans to the Gdela
Horn lending Corporation Society,
amounting Rs one lakh to the 17th
March.

It is not likely that the allotment
will be done before the end of June 28.

But Appropriation of funds
is not possible.

I have no objection to the
proposal in the Chief Secy's note
being sanctioned, with the
proviso, referred to therein,
so long as it being understood
that, ~~as soon as~~ the L.C. will
be approached, if Appropriation
is not possible.

The full provision asked for by the
R.C. is 8000 under L.D.

255000 under Jukkan

may be sanctioned.

Let the balance Rs 5000 under
the former head with the R.C. may
remain. This may be pointed out.

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App. F. III-2]

General and Revenue
Secretariat.

A. No. File No. 3 of 1927-28

Serial
No.From
The Revenue Commr

Memo No. C. 3510/27-28 dated 16.4.28

For copy of his O. no. dated 9.4.28.
Stating that a Sum of Rs 3000/- surrendered
by the Des of Tumkur and Chitaldrugdist
are resumed and the same amount
placed at the disposal of the D.C. Shimoga
for grant of relief to the sufferers in
the accidental fire at Issur, Shikarpur.

43) Out of Rs 16,500 asked for under
Takavi loan for the Shimoga Dist
it is seen from the above report that
a Sum of Rs 3000/- has been placed
at the disposal of the D.C. Shimoga
A Sum of Rs 13,500/- has now to
be sanctioned under that head.

44) A draft G.O. sanctioning the
allotments reqd is put up as
per instructions noted in paras
39 and 42.

ms 14/4 45) Please type as revised

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46) Typed drafts are put up as directed.
above. For app
ms 16/4

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Chief Secy

Member Secy

Secy

49) From memo 15/4

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Please put up revised D.O. No.
after issue 10/4

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CHIEF SECRETARY
17 APR. 1928
DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

Re type draft No. 1
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General and Revenue
Secretariat.

R. no File No. 3 of 1927-28

Serial
No.

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G.O. No. R. 8136-40 23-4-28

The Revenue Commr

The Dcs of Holar & Hassan

The Comptroller to Govt H. Sectt.

Sanctions ^{with certain observation} an extra allotment of Rs 8000
under Land Improvement and Rs 20,500/-
under Takavi for grant of relief to the
people in the Hassan & Holar ~~etc~~ + to
the sufferers at in the accidental fire
at Issur, Shikarpur K.

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To The Revenue Commr

No 8131

23-4-28

States with reference to the above
that there is a reserve of Rs 5000/- under
Land Impt with him as pointed out
by the Comptroller and requests that the
actual amount spent may be reported
in time so as to enable Govt to place
a Supplemental Demand before the
L.C. should occasion arise.

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50) For financial Secy's opinion, please see page 14
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General and Revenue
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52) Submitted with a D.F.N as per orders
in para 24, page 6 of the notes.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
28 APR. 1928

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53) D.S.N. Subd with final Note of the Member.

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54) ms
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DEWAN'S OFFICE
Received on
2. MAY 1928
Reg. No. 6930

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Submitted to His Highness.

65) I submit herewith a Final Note by the First.....
Member of Council on the subject of.....the occurrence
of a disastrous fire at Isur village in the --
Shikarpur Taluk,
for His Highness' gracious approval.

Mirza M. Ima
Dewan.

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Subject :—

55 The occurrence of a disastrous fire at Issur village in the Shikarpur Taluk.

Q. 56 Issur is a prosperous village in the Shikarpur taluk having about 400 to 500 houses and a population of about 2,000 persons. A fire is said to have occurred accidentally in the village at about mid-day on the 13th March 1928 which, with the help of a strong favourable wind, destroyed practically all the houses in the village. The number of deaths is ascertained to be 32 and the number that sustained burns is ~~roughly~~ about 35. The total loss of property is roughly estimated at about 2 to 3 lakhs of rupees.

57 The Revenue Commissioner who was touring in the Shimoga District went to the spot with the Deputy Commissioner on hearing about it, and made arrangements to give the necessary relief to the destitute people. A relief kitchen to dole out cooked food to the needy was opened promptly. Milk and clothing were supplied to the children. A relief Committee was also formed on the spot to see to the necessary operations.

W. 58 Government have sanctioned the following measures of relief in their order No.R.7494-96/L.R.3-27-15 dated 27th March 1928:-

- (1) A grant of Rs.2,000 for affording relief to the sufferers in the matter of food and clothing, and
- (2) free grant of timber from State forests for building houses.

It is also the intention of Government to order remission of kadayam to the extent required on receipt of a definite formal official reference from the Revenue Commissioner in the matter. The Revenue Commissioner reports that he has given instructions to the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, not to collect any kadayam from the villagers.

59 Mr. B.K. Garudachar, the Vice-Chairman of the Mysore Distress Relief Fund, who was requested to spare a sum of Rs.2,000 from the

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said fund, to provide additional relief to the affected people, intimates in his D.O. letter dated the 6th April 1928 that he has sent direct to the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga a cheque for Rs.1,500.

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60 As requested by the Deputy Commissioner and recommended by the Revenue Commissioner, an additional amount of Rs.10,000 has been sanctioned for relief under Takkavi loans in Government Order No.R. 8136-40/R.M.3-27-23 dated the 23rd April 1928.

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61 The Revenue Commissioner has also been requested to send up proposals for propaganda work to prevent such accidents in future in consultation with the Deputy Commissioner and leading men of the Shimoga District.

62 The connected papers on the subject are herewith submitted for His Highness' gracious perusal.

K. S. S. S.

Bangalore,
30th April 1928.

MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders
of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.



64) Occurrence of a disastrous fire
at Issur village in the Shikarpur Taluk.

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Order.

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DEWAN'S MINUTE.
FILE No. 192

DEWAN'S OFFICE
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20 MAY 1928
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Reg. No. 1067

21.5.28

67 C. Shan

In connection with the ^{last} ^{the} mission at Jow village, Shemoga dist, I had suggested the appl. of a small committee, consisting of officials & non-officials, to report how far it was possible & practicable to prevent the occurrence of such fires particularly in the Malabar region. I wonder if any steps have been taken to constitute such a committee.

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DEWAN'S OFFICE
Received on
25 MAY 1928
Reg. No. 7313

71) Pleas to be put up
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70) The file is here with submission for perusal. Kind attention is invited to the Dewan's minute (officiate) at para 10. The R.C. was requested to send proposals in consultation with the D.C. & the leading men of the St. He has been asked to see in conn. no. 7710 dated 5/4/28 Flag S. If appd. a revision will be issued.

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, Issued No. R. 9268 & 5. 6. 28.

From

The Revenue Commr in Mysore.
Letter No. C. 4470/27-28 of 13.7.28

Forwards copy of letter dated
13th June 1928 from the Deputy Commr,
Shimoga District furnishing his
views re: measures to be adopted
to prevent fire accidents in future
like the one which occurred at
Dassur village in the Shikarpur
on the 13th March 28 and states
that he is in general agreement
with the suggestions contained therein.

75 Submitted with reference to
the Dewan's minute at para 10 of
office notes. (page 3).

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76 The recommendations of the D.C.
R.C. on 9 Aug 1928
character. In para 2 the R.C.
says that there is no objection
to the D.C. in 9th village.

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24 JULY 1928

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CHIEF SECRETARY
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CHIEF SECRETARY
3 SEP. 1928

80) For was.

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Taken for D. No 1163

on 4/10 and resubd to day.

7. (regarding a schedule
of demand for Rs 2000/-
to be placed before the
next d-c.).

81) Revision draft put up
for instructions given for Cash

Ch. Secy NS
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CHIEF SECRETARY
14 NOV. 1928

7. DEC. 1928

82) The draft G.O. may be

Approved.

OFFICE OF THE
SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL
22 NOV. 1928
No. 2959

Secy Member
Sewan

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G.O. No. R. 4791-4850/R.m. 3-27.508/11.12.28

The Rev Commr.

" Sec of Dist.

" Heads of Dept.

Directs the adoption of certain measures
calculated to minimise the occurrence
of accidental fires in the Malacca

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R. 113-27-13.

Deputy Commissioner's
Office

Camp Shikarpur

Dated 15th March 1928.

Dear Sir,

I write to state that distressing information was received by me yesterday afternoon that a disastrous accidental fire had occurred at Issar village in the Shikarpur Taluk at about mid-day on the 13th idem resulting in a considerable loss of life and property. I accordingly directed the District Superintendent of Police to proceed to the spot at once, which he did. He is doing his best to guard the properties of the distressed population and for giving other help to them besides encouraging them not to lose heart. The Amildar had also proceeded to the spot immediately on receipt of the information and had arranged for giving immediate relief in the shape of food and clothing to the panic stricken people. He had arranged to get food for the people from neighbouring villages

2. I also came down here urgently with

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The Revenue Commissioner, who arrived in Shimoga last evening on an inspection tour. Immediately on arrival at Shikarpur, we proceeded to the scene of occurrence and found the whole village a mass of ruins and smouldering fire. The distress and desolation in the village is indescribable. Many people have apparently left the village for out of a population of nearly 2000, we saw only a few hundreds there. Women and children have huddled themselves up in the few temples that remain in tact here and a few families are living amidst the ruins of their old homes by covering their roofs by pieces of cloth, carpet or whatever material was handy to them. The rich and the poor have suffered alike and the people are panic stricken and suffering from severe mental shock. They are not in a position to say and estimate the extent of loss sustained by them. It will take a few days before we can accurately arrive at an estimate of the losses. Even a modest rough estimate of the losses would amount to at least - 2 or 3 lakhs.

3 The best that could be done under the circumstances therefore was to encourage ✓

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people not to lose heart and tell them ~~that~~ everything would be done to alleviate their suffering. The Sub-Division officer will be asked to proceed to the village at once and camp for a week and submit a full report as to the extent of loss that has occurred in the village, the extent and nature of relief that is necessary and the cases in which special relief measures are called for.

4. As a first measure of relief, it has been arranged to raise private subscriptions, enlist private charity and afford relief to the destitute persons by distributing food and clothing. To supplement this, I request you will kindly obtain orders of Govt. and place a sum of Rs 2000/- at my disposal for gratuitous relief to the people, who have lost their all in this disastrous fire.

I may add that a relief kitchen to dole out cooked food to the needy was ordered to be opened to-day. The care of the children will also be required to be attended to by procuring milk and clothing to them.

5 Both the Revenue Comm^r and myself spoke to the people in an encouraging

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Terms as possible and assured them that all possible relief in all directions would be speedily given. The Revenue Commissioner was pleased to announce on the spot to the people that the recovery of the Kandayam would be suspended and a recommendation would be made to Govt- for the remission thereof. The first Khist- has already been recovered and the people have paid about Rs 1000/- The balance that may have to be remitted will amount to about Rs 4000/-. This announcement put some heart into the people and sigh of relief was heaved.

6 As regards the loss of life, from information available up to the present moment, it is estimated that about 26 persons including 3 or 4 children have been burnt alive and one woman is lingering. We saw her and I have no hopes of her recovery. The Sub. Asst. Surgeon is doing his best. More than 35 persons have received burns, in some cases severe, in some slight and all of them are receiving medical attention.

I expect that all these persons will get well soon.

The Sub. Asst. Surgeon of Shi Kaspur is on the ✓

Spot and is rendering necessary treatment. The District Medical Officer has been separately asked to depute at once an additional Sub-Asst Surgeon for affording relief to the injured persons. He will also be asked to visit the village and examine the patients.

7. The next thing for Consideration is the grant of loans to the destitute for the purchase of seed grains and food grains to enable them to maintain themselves till next harvest. 350 to 400 houses mostly tiled ones have been burnt to ashes. The only exceptions to this scene of destruction are the temples in the village and a few houses of the Adikarnatakas and Vaddars. It is a curious circumstance that although the waddar huts and adikarnataka sheds were all of thatched material, they escaped the ravages of the fire although they were not very far off from the scene of fire. The direction of the wind perhaps saved them.

8. I am given to understand that an additional allotment of Rs 5000/- has been sanctioned by the Revenue Commissioners to this district for the grant of loans to the

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people of the affected parts of this taluk. The Amildar has been asked to give preference to the sufferers in this village and to grant loans to the afflicted persons and to make a special report if more allotment is needed, after ascertaining exactly the needs of each ryotwar family. This can only be done when the people, who have gone away from the village return to it or the Amildar comes to know of their whereabouts. When loans are granted in this village, it would have to be either free of interest or at very low rates of interest. The same concession as are extended at the time of the flood damages, will have to be extended even now.

9. Another thing to consider is about the grant of timber for rebuilding of houses destroyed by fire. Ssur was a big and prosperous village being second in importance in the taluk. The village consisted of over 400 houses and a population of over 2000. Several of the people were ~~very~~ well-to-do. It is stated that one Swear Mr Andrappa was worth about two lakhs of rupees or more and the loss sustained by him is estimated at over a lakh. Several other well-to-do ✓

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Rajals have similarly lost their cash, currency notes, clothing etc in this fire. There were 200 houses belonging to the weaver community of whom 30 families were living by their profession. Some relief to these people will be necessary and I shall take necessary action in the matter. The fact that there are nearly 35 Iron Safes in the village goes to show the general ^{level} ~~board~~ of prosperity that the village enjoyed. Free grant of timber and building materials will be urged and will have to be granted. The grant of timber will have to be made to both Kandayam paying Rajals as well as Shikmidars and non-Kandayam paying poor residents and abizoms. The Revenue Commissioner was pleased to announce that this concession would also ~~either be granted or recommended~~ be granted. The people represented that there is not sufficient timber of the required quantity and to the extent needed available in the existing District Forests and prayed that might be allowed to take the same from the neighbouring State Forests. There will be no time to obtain formal sanction of Govt in all cases and I therefore

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propose issuing instructions to the local officers to grant licenses for the free removal of timber from State forests in deserving cases after the exact quantity of timber required by each family is ascertained. The action taken by me may kindly be approved. I shall separately address the Chief Conservator of Forests in this matter and tell him that the Revenue Comm^r agrees with me in this matter.

10. A Relief Committee for the Grant of gratuitous relief was organised on the spot and the Amildar will collect subscriptions. The Revenue Commissioner very kindly opened the subscription list by paying Rs 20/- I have also added mine to the list and I am sure the people of the taluk will come forward liberally to help their distressed brethren. The amount asked for by me viz Rs 2000/- may kindly be sanctioned early.

11. I shall submit a fuller report in the matter after obtaining detailed report from the S. Do Sagar, whom I shall depute to proceed to the spot and ascertain by a house to house enquiry the exact nature

and extent of loss suffered and relief needed. In this tale of woe and suffering, it is some relief to be told that there has not been much cattle mortality - the losses under this head being only 7 head of cattle as at present ascertained.

12. As for the Cause of the occurrence, it was ascertained that the house of one Channappa, which was a tiled one, caught fire by the thatched lean-to attached to it having accidentally caught fire. and the prevalence of whirl wind, so common in these parts during summer, spread the fire in all directions and the whole village was in a blaze in about ~~a~~ half an hour. Some few people (about 8) who attempted to save their lives by entering into the house of the Patel, which being a tiled one they thought would be safe, failed in the purpose and were burnt to ashes. Before people of the neighbouring villages could come to the spot, the whole village was in a big conflagration and all human attempts became futile. Even now

derbis is smouldering and a great many people have fled the village. The scene is distressing in the extreme and desolate.

Yours Sincerely
Misamul

To Mr. Madhava Rao Esq B.A.B.L.
Chief Secretary to Govt.,
Bangalore



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Camp Shikarpur
16. 3. 28
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My dear hindava Rao

Hearing at Shimoga
that there was a serious
fire at Muv in the
Shikarpur Taluk I visited
the village in company with
the D.C yesterday - Muv
is about six miles from
Shikarpur and was a very
prosperous and prosperous village.
It had about 400 houses
and a population of 2000
soul. It is an important

weaving centre and as
 the people grow large
 on either side of sugarcane
 they were generally well-to-do
 A large proportion of the
 houses were tiled and built
 substantially. Last Tuesday
 at about 1 P.M. one of the
 houses at the extreme end
 which had an awning covered
 with sugarcane leaves took
 fire. At once a heavy
 wind at the time the fire
 spread rapidly and the entire
 village was burnt down
 the only structures remaining
 being 3 huts and a few
 thatched huts which the
 village. Large quantities
 of grain were stored in

the house only the last house³
and this has been entirely
destroyed. As far as could
be ascertained 21 people
seem to have lost their lives
in the fire 3 men one
child and 17 women. Another
woman is so badly burned
that I do not expect her
to live. Some 35 others have
received burns. As many as
8 deaths seem to have taken
place in the house the hotel
& being the main place and 4 others
that had taken refuge there.
As the house was tiled
the people do not seem to
have moved out at once
and hence the large number
of casualties though the
fire took place in the
daytime.

The people seem

to have been generally thought
and he said about 35-
in a paper in the Sunday
news. One man Mr.
Rudrich a Swede in the
place states that he has lost
in the sale of currency notes
about half a million of notes
about \$160,000 and though
there may be some slight
exaggeration his loss has been
considerable. As it is difficult
to collect exact details it
is not possible to give the
loss exactly but there is no
doubt that these amounts
to several lakhs of rupees.

He further states
that he received information
of the fire at about 7 P.M.



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and went to the spot
immediately accompanied by
the District Surgeon and the
Police Inspector and rendered
what help he could. The
neighboring villages seem to
have suffered from the

As the disaster is
unprecedented magnitude every
generous relief is necessary.
The land revenue of the
village is about Rs 5000
and the first installment
of Rs 500 has been collected.
The people want the
amount to be entirely
remitted this year and

having regard to the people's
distress, their property
lost the D.C. and myself
consider this concession
necessary. Pending further
orders I have instructed the
D.C. not to collect the
revenue for the current year.

The people having
lost all their grain and their
clothes having been burnt
down many of the people
have been reduced to the
utmost destitution and since
substantial relief is necessary
the D.C. has applied for
funds respectively and

the available arrangements
have been made to oblige
the Village Panchayat
fund amounting to Rs 700
for the purpose to be
reimposed after full sanction
is received for the fund offered
for.

In order to reduce
house, free housing tax
are being made both to
the old and new (the new)
and the people having represented
that there was no suitable
time in the St. for
the DC is making arrangements
to supply the same from
perhaps state funds.

Necessary funds have

been provided for the want
 of tobacco leaves to buy
 grain & fodder for cattle.
 Almost each house seems
 to have left a cart which
 has been damaged. The loss of
 cattle is not large.

Some further assistance
 may be required for the want of
 loans for housebuilding for
 which separate proposals will be
 submitted.

Private medicine chiefly
 is being encouraged. A Special
 Sub-Medical Surgeon is being posted to
 the place temporarily to allow
 the injured this work being
 done by them by the Sub-Medical Surgeons
 of Shikharpur and Chichalkotta.

I was very pleased with
 the resourcefulness, sympathy & the
 promptitude shown by the D.C. & put
 heart into the unfortunate people by
 them.
 With best wishes I am Sir,

Proceedings of the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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R e a d : -

D.O. Letter, dated ~~the~~ 15th March 1928, from the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, to the Chief Secretary to Government, reporting the occurrence of a disastrous accidental fire at Issur Village, Shikaripur Taluk, Shimoga District and the measures taken to afford relief.

2. D.O. letter dated the 16th March 1928, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore about the same.

Order No. R 7494-96/L.R 3-27-1

Dated, Bangalore, 27th March 1928.

Issur is a ~~prosperous~~ village in the Shikaripur Taluk, having about 400 to 500 houses, and a population of 2000 persons. A fire is said to have occurred accidentally in the village on the 13th of March 1928, at about mid-day, which, ~~with the aid of a favorable wind~~, practically destroyed all the houses ^{therein} in the village. The number of deaths, as ascertained at present, is about 26 including 3 or 4 children, and the number of persons who received burns is estimated at 35. The loss of property is estimated at about 2 to 3 lakhs of rupees. The Revenue Commissioner who was touring in the Shimoga District went to the spot with the Deputy Commissioner, on hearing about it, ^{and} ~~to~~ made arrangements to give the necessary relief to the destitute people.

people.

1) The following are the relief measures proposed for sanction:-

(3) Remission of kadayam during the current year amounting to about Rs. 4000/-

(2) Free grant of timber from State Forests for building houses,

(1) A grant of Rs. 2000/- for affording relief to the sufferers in the matter of food and clothing.

The sum is not for a grant.

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A grant of Rs. 2000/- is hereby sanctioned, and the amount will be placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, for affording relief to the sufferers. The Deputy Commr., is hereby authorised to grant building materials ~~to the~~ from State Forests in consultation with the Conservator, Shimoga Circle, and report ^{the} action taken to the Chief Conservator. Regarding the proposed remission of kadayam, action will be taken on receipt of a ^{list of persons} ~~final~~ to whom this relief should be given. ~~official reference from the Revenue Commr.~~ The Revenue Commr. has stated that he has placed the necessary funds at the disposal of the Deputy Commr., Shimoga, for granting loans to the destitute for the purchase of ~~seed-grains~~ seed-grains etc., to enable them to maintain themselves till the next harvest.

It is hoped the P. Circle submit

2) ~~Government expect early~~ further and final report in the matter giving the actual extent of the loss and the relief afforded. ^{Nature & kind of} They are glad to note that a relief Committee has been formed on the spot for the

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the grant of gratuitous relief, and that
the Amildar has been authorised to collect
subscriptions. -X-

*Subject approved
above as per suggestion of
the Secy as in the note.*

*Govt. regrets very much to
have known this unfortunate
incident involving the loss of
human lives & property,
and note with satisfaction
that the local officers
have risen equal to the
occasion, the promptness, sympathy
& responsiveness of the
Comr. Shindga being
commendable.*

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Chief Secretary to Govt.

The Revenue Commissioner,
The Deputy Commr., Shindga,
The Comptroller through the Finl. Secy

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4 Government very much regret
the occurrence of this disastrous
fire causing much loss to human
lives and property. They however
note with satisfaction the prompt
action taken by the Revenue Com-
missioner, the Deputy Commissioner
and other local officers in giving
all possible relief to the dis-
tressed people.

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Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, for affording relief to the sufferers. The Deputy Commissioner is authorised to grant building materials from State Forests in consultation with the Conservator, Shimoga Circle, and report the action taken to the Chief Conservator. Regarding the proposed remission of kadayam, action will be taken on receipt of a list of persons to whom this relief should be shown. The Revenue Commissioner has stated that he has placed the necessary funds at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, for granting loans to the destitute for the purchase of seed-grains etc., to enable them to maintain themselves till the next harvest.

3. It is hoped the Revenue Commissioner will submit further and final report in the matter giving the actual extent of the loss and the nature and kind of relief afforded.

4. Government very much regret the occurrence of this disastrous fire causing much loss to human life and property. They however note with satisfaction the prompt action taken by the Revenue Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner and other local Officers in giving all possible relief to the distressed people.

Munirajappa
For Chief Secretary to Government
Mh.

To,
The Revenue Commissioner, in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District.
The Comptroller through the Financial Secretariat.

~~Copy to the Revenue Commissioner, Shimoga District.~~

Copy to the Branch.

No. M.4.A.F. 95/27-28.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

Shimoga, dated, 26th March 1928.

From

B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,

Deputy Commissioner,

Shimoga District.

To

N. Madhava Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,

Chief Secretary to Government,

B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter of the 15th idem reporting on the disastrous occurrence of accidental fire at Issur in the Shikarpur Taluk, I have the honor to forward herewith a detailed report No. R.1.C. 1723 of 27-28 dated 21st March 1928, received from the Sub Division Officer, Sagar, for favor of information. Several of the inhabitants of the village have found temporary habitation with their relatives or friends in the adjoining villages and the people in the village have recovered from the panic and the mental shock. Immediate relief in the shape of food and clothing has been given by the local officers to the poor and the destitute. Clothing and food materials to the extent of Rs 900/- are reported to have been distributed free among the poor, besides supply of cooked food by the ryots of adjoining villages.

2. As a first instalment of relief, the grant of takavi loans to the sufferers for the purchase of seed grains, food materials and for the re-construction of houses destroyed by fire is very necessary. I request that an additional allotment of at least Rs 10,000/- may immediately be placed at my disposal for the issue of such loans to

persons

persons in urgent need of the same. If more money is required, I shall submit a further report in the matter after seeing how far the people make use of the concessions granted to them. The matter may kindly be treated as very urgent and ~~very~~ early orders passed.

3. The recommendation of the Sub Division Officer, about the formation of a Co-operative Society for the financing of the building of tiled houses and the re-construction of the village on sanitary lines after survey of the village by the Town Planning Engineer deserves favourable consideration. I shall address the Departmental authorities concerned to investigate the matter and to take necessary action early.

4. As regards the loss of life in the disastrous fire, it is seen from the report of the Sub Division Officer that the total mortality among men was 32. This information ~~is~~ may be taken as accurate and final. The report of the District Superintendent of Police confirms this estimate. In the case of persons who suffered injuries from *burns*, necessary medical aid is being given and it is hoped that all of them will be alright in about a week or two. The District Medical Officer, also visited the village and rendered necessary help.

5. Arrangements have been made for the issue of licenses for obtaining building materials from the District and State Forests with as great promptitude as possible. All that can possibly be done in the matter of the grant of relief is being done.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,


Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

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Office of the Sub Division Officer,
Sagar Sub Division,
Dated, Sagar the 21st March 1928

From

D. G. Subbarayappa Esq, B.A., B.L.,
Sub Division Officer, Sagar Sub Division.

To

Received
28/3/28,

B. T. Kesavaiah Esq, B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District.

Sir,

As called for in your memo dated the ~~1st~~ 18th instant, I have the honour to submit the ~~desired~~ following detailed report in the matter of the disastrous fire that occurred at Issur in the Shikharur Taluk on the 15th Idar.

2. It is now 9 days since the fire occurred and although most of the people present in the village appear to have recovered from the panic and mental shock brought about by this unprecedented calamity in the District, the majority of the inhabitants of the village have not yet returned to their desolate homes, but are said to have found temporary habitation with their relatives or friends in adjoining villages, and they may not be expected to return to their homes till perhaps the early showers expected next month remind them of the advent of the cultivating season and awaken them to a sense of their duty for the coming year. The absence of most of the house holders from the village rendered the task of preparing a statement as to the extent of loss as well as the nature of relief necessary somewhat difficult, but such a statement is being prepared with all possible accuracy with the aid of information furnished by the people present and it will be submitted to ^{you} for reference in due course.

3. As per your kind instructions, immediate action was taken ~~for~~ for affording relief to destitute persons among the sufferers. Sub-

Subscriptions to the extent of about ₹ 250/- were collected at Shikarpur and adding to it a sum of ₹ 250/- being the quota of contribution promised by the District Board, clothing and food materials were purchased to the extent of ₹ 500/- so far and distributed free among the poor. Added to this, several cart loads of cooked rice and curry were received every day from the adjoining villages and these were also freely distributed among the sufferers. The total amount of gratuitous relief thus afforded so far may be safely estimated at not less than ₹ 2500. Attempts will be made to collect sub-scriptions in other taluks also and the money collected will be utilized for affording the necessary relief. If the additional sum of ₹ 2000/- recommended to Government for sanction under this head is received, the same will also be utilised for the grant of additional relief if really necessary to such of the people as are really hard hit in this great calamity.

4. Orders have just been received from you authorising the utilisation of a sum of ₹ 5000/- allotted for the grant of takavi loans in connection with distress in other ~~other~~ parts of the taluk for the relief of sufferers from fire at Issur. Applications are being taken from the sufferers and the same will be complied with on the spot after observing all the necessary formalities in regard to proper security etc., for the loans. But the amount allotted will not touch even a fringe of the population as their intention appears to be to make use of a zinc sheet roofing to their dilapidated homes for the present and to take up the construction of pukka tiled houses some time later. Each house holder will require at least a sum of ₹ 100/- for this purpose as well ^{as} for the purchase of seeds grains, food-stuffs etc., and as the rich and poor have suffered alike, the total for 400 families will come to ₹ 40,000/-. If this is considered too prohibitive, an allotment of at least half this sum may kindly be recommended for sanction very early to enable the sufferers to put up zinc sheet roofing to their buildings to serve as temporary dwelling places and also to equip themselves with the necessaries of life.

5. To supplement the help that might be sanctioned by Government for this purpose, it appears desirable to investigate the feasibility of forming on sound lines a house building Co-operative society to finance the building of houses in this village with the aid not only of share money, but also of advances drawn from the Central Co-operative Bank at Bangalore. The question might with advantage be referred to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Mysore for immediate necessary action.

6. One other thing that strikes me in this connection in the interests of rural re-construction is the desirability of taking action for the proper lay out of the village that has now been ~~reduced~~ reduced to ashes so that the calamity might turn out to be a blessing in disguise. The main cause of the total destruction of the entire village in an incredibly short time is, as you are aware, to be attributed to the extreme congestion that existed in the building of houses and also the presence of thatched huts here and there in the village. If these are opened out by diagonal roads at various centres according to a definite plan and all houses are also compelled to be constructed with a tiled roofing in accordance with the a definite town planning, this might eventually turn out to be a real model village for the whole district and the possibility of the recurrence of such fire accidents might be minimised to a considerable extent. I would therefore suggest arrangements being made for the conducting of a regular survey of the village by the Town Planning Engineer in the State and the preparation of a proper lay out by him.

7. The removal of congestion in the existing village will naturally displace some of the inhabitants and steps will have to be taken to provide for the extension of the village site. There is a beautiful open space of ground fit for such extension towards the south-west of the village opposite the drinking water ponds and another towards the north. The first is a wet land measuring about 14 acres costing about Rs. 500 to 1000 per acre and the second a dry land measuring 2 or 3 acres costing about Rs. 100 per acre. Sufficient portions of these two sites might with advantage be acquired and formed into sites for disposal to the displaced villagers. To meet the cost of

of acquisition as well as to carry out the suggestions of the Town Planning Engineer, a special grant of Rs 2000/- may be recommended for the village Panchayat.

8. As regards the grant of remission of khandayan to sufferers in the fire, it appears to me that it will not serve as an adequate relief if such remission is confined to the khandayan of lands owned by the sufferers at Issur only. Food grains grown by these sufferers in other villages for which they were paying khandayan had also been collected and stored by them at Issur and they have lost all these in the fire. It appears therefore desirable to extend the concession to all lands for which the sufferers at Issur were paying khandayan. The addition involved will not be considerable, but the extra concession will, if offered, be greatly appreciated by the people. Lists giving details of all such payments are under preparation and will be submitted to you shortly.

9. Coming now to the loss of life, it has been definitely ascertained that the total mortality among men is 22. Almost an equal number of persons have received various degrees of injury ~~by~~ ^{by} burning and these are being regularly attended to by the Special Sub Assistant Surgeon, deputed for duty from the District Hospital at Shimoga. The injuries sustained by a majority of these people are superficial and may be expected to be healed up in the course of a week or two; while those sustained by the Patel and his mistress are somewhat severe and their condition appears to be ~~not~~ rather precarious as they are suffering from other complications as well. Lists of dead and wounded showing names, age, sex etc., are under preparation and will be submitted to you in a couple of days.

10. As regards the special help required by the artizan classes, I sent for some of the weavers who were among the sufferers in the fire and asked them if they were in need of any special help for the purchase of looms etc., but they told me that all ^{they} ~~that~~ wanted was the grant of remission of khandayan and the grant of takavi loans for building houses and purchasing seed grains etc. None of the other artizan classes such as tailors and potters were available in the village to enable me to find out their actual requirements. But the District Economic Superintendent

might further go into the matter as already directed by you and render such help to the artisan classes as might be found absolutely necessary.

11. As regards the grant of timber for house building, necessary action will be taken both by the Amildar and myself for the issue of licenses. The officers of the Forest Department may also be requested to co-operate with the Revenue Officers in giving prompt relief in this connection to the sufferers.

12. I have just returned from Issur to attend to Kuzur Jamabandy work in the Nagar taluk and shall be going there again shortly and halt there for a week or two to dispose of all matters relating to the relief to sufferers with all possible promptitude and shall be submitting further reports to you from time to time.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Deenubhayaappa

Sub Division Officer,
Nagar Sub Division.

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

Dated, Bangalore, ... 1928

D.O. No. R 7619
7.7.28 (a) Draft.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to state that a disastrous fire occurred at Issur Village, Shikarpur Taluk, Shimoga District, on the 13th March 1928, involving the loss of many lives and the destruction of property to the extent of two or three lakhs. A copy of the Government Order issued in this connection is herewith sent to you for information. Government will be glad if a sum of Rs. 2000/- can be spared from the Flood Relief Funds to provide additional relief to the affected people. The amount may kindly be sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, direct, and the same intimated to Government.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- N. Madhava Rao.

B.K. Garudachar, Esquire,
Vice President, The Flood Relief Committee,
Bangalore.

Memo No R 7620 of 3.4.28

- 1) Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the R.C. in Mysore for information.

2) Memo No R 7624 of 3.4.28

to the D.C. Shimoga for information with refca. to his letter of 15.3.28.

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N. Madhava Rao, Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Chief

H. R. S. S. S. (a)

P.G. D'Souza, Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

In continuation of ~~this office~~ Government Order No. R. 7494-96/
L.R. 3-27-15 dated the 27th March 1928 re- the occurrence of an
accidental fire at Issur Village in the Shikarpur Taluk, I am
directed to state that the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District,
in his letter No. M.4 A.F. 95/27-28 dated the 26th March 1928 reports
among other matters, that as a first instalment of relief, the grant
of takavi loans to the sufferers for the purchase of seed grains,
food materials and for the reconstruction of houses destroyed by
fire is very necessary and requests that an additional allotment
of Rs. 10000/- may be immediately placed at his disposal for the
issue of such loans to persons in urgent need of the same. I am
to enquire if you can place the necessary funds at the disposal of
the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga. A copy of his letter is sent to
you for information.

The favor of an immediate reply is requested.

I have the honor to be,
S i r,
Your most obedient servant,

Mundararaj
Chief Secretary to Government.
J. S. S.

SUBJECT.....

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

Section R. m

File No. 3-27

Serial No. 6(a)

No. R 7710
5.4.28

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

The R-c.

Sir.

Date of issue.....

5.4.28

Signed by.....

H. N. S. Pyngar

In continuation of

G.O. No. R 7494-96/L-R 3-27-15
27.3.28

Sanctioning certain relief measures in connection with the occurrence of a disastrous accidental fire at Dharur village in the Shikarpur Tk. I am directed to state that Govt. observe ^{that} ~~as follows in this connection.~~ The grant of relief to the sufferers is all right as far as it goes, but some means for preventing over

List of enclosures.....

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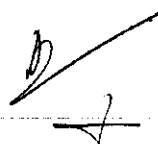
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Such deplorable accidents in future
must be devised. The calamity
which overtook this village must be
made use of to impress upon other
villages the importance of building
detached houses and of taking
some obvious precautions against
such accidents. A well organised
propaganda will have to be
carried on ^{with this view} and Govt ~~should~~ will
render financial assistance for
the reconstruction of such villages
as far as possible. ~~In the light~~
~~of the above~~ I am to request
that suitable proposals may be
sent up on the subject very early
in consultation with the D.C. &
leading men of the Dist.

~~The matter may kindly be~~
~~treated as urgent.~~

I have etc

 my
Chief Secy to Govt
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The taken out entry shows 450 x 5 Rs. 900 x 1 among others.

The invoice shows:-

550 x 5

400 x 1 Re.

The other denominations of notes and coins invoiced correspond with the taken out entry. By December 1924 the 1 Rupee notes had been withdrawn from circulation. Ex. P65. Though 900 notes of Rupee 1 were taken out only 400 were invoiced. The balance of 500 x 1 notes were neither put back to the double lock box nor sent with the remittance. They could not have been given for circulation as it was prohibited. What became of them then ? As against 450 x 5 Rs. taken out 550 x 5 or exactly 100 x Rs 5 ~~taken out 550 x 5 exactly~~ equals to Rs 500/- excess have been invoiced. Where did this 100 extra Rs 5 notes come from ? There could not actually be 900 x 1 taken out but only 400 x 1. The inflated entry of 500/- that day was this day transferred to Rs 5 notes by inflating it by 100. The defalcation of Rs 500/- on 9-9-1925 must therefore be true. It was contended on behalf of the defence that though the issue of Re. 1 notes from the Treasury had been prohibited, in disobedience of the order they may have been issued to the public. Mr. Krishnachar PW5 the Head Shroff of the District Treasury deposed that even after the prohibition order, he had issued from the single lock box not the double lock box, 1 Re notes. The transactions of the Taluk Treasury at any rate do not show that Re. 1 notes were issued to the public at any time after 1924 December. On the other hand they were invariably remitted to the District Treasury. The significance of showing 520 x 1 on 9-9-25 and the taken out 900 x 1 and 450 x 5 Rs. on 28-9-1925 and the invoicing of 400 x 1 and 550 x Rs 5 is too glaring to be ignored. The same kind of manipulation is observed on 31-8-1925. Exs. P1(f) P5 and P6

show that there was a remittance of Rs 20,300/- on 31-8-25 consisting among others of 635 x 5 and 325 x 1. The taken out entry shows 535 x 5 and 325 x 1. Here again the 500 one rupee notes have disappeared and in their place the Rs 5 notes inflated by 100 in the remittance box. The remittance box could not have contained 635 x 5 but only 535 x 5. The above instance show ~~very~~ forcibly how fictitious credits and fictitious taking outs were made, how the shortages represented under one head were transferred to another and how they were shifted from the double lock to the remittance box. The ingenuity displayed by the accused might have been employed to better purposes and one regrets their misguided intelligence.

XI. According to the prosecution the following are the dates on which monies have been defalcated:-

1.	23-6-25	500	
2.	14-7-25	1040	
3.	18-8-25	1750	
4.	9-9-25	500	
5.	29-10-25	1340	

	Total Rs	5130/-	
by end of December 1925			
6.	5-2-26	340	
7.	6-4-26	840	
8.	13-4-26	150	

	Total Rs	1290	= Rs 6420/-
	12-11-26	500	
	13-12-26	500	
	27-12-26	1700	

	Total Rs	2700/-	
Up to end of December 1926			Rs 9120/-
	7-1-27	300	
	10-1-27	1000	

			Rs 10,420/-

The prosecution has not been able to trace the precise dates on which the remaining sum of Rs. 2580/- was defalcated. It will be noticed that up to the end of November and December 1925 the total defalcation according to the prosecution was about Rs.5000/- and by about 18-8-26 it had risen to Rs. 6420/-. The instances presently to be considered will show beyond doubt that there was an actual shortage in the

R.M. 3-27-19. (2)

To

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The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

Sir,

In continuation of Government Order No. A.7494-96/L.R.3-27-15 dated 27th March 1928, sanctioning certain relief measures in connection with the occurrence of a disastrous accidental fire at Issur village in the Shikarpur Taluk, I am directed to state that Government have to observe ^{that} some means for preventing such deplorable accidents in future must be devised. The calamity which overtook this village must be made use of to impress upon other villages the importance of building detached houses, and of taking some obvious precautions against such accidents. A well organised propoganda will have to be carried on with this end in view, and Government will render financial assistance for the reconstruction of such villages as far as possible. I am to request that suitable proposals may be sent up on the subject very early in consultation with the Deputy Commissioner and leading men of the District.

I have etc.,

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Officer of the Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

Shimoga, dated, 2nd April 1928.

From

S.C. Kesavalingar, Esq., B.A.,

Deputy Commissioner,

Shimoga District.

Madhava Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,

Chief Secretary to Government,

Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to invite kind reference to G.O.N. R 7494-
96/E.R. 3-27-15 dated 27-3-1928, re: the fire accident in Issur
village of the Shikarpur Taluk and to request that the sum of Rs
2,000/- sanctioned for affording relief to the sufferers may kindly
be placed at my disposal immediately and the Comptroller authorized
to disburse the same.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. S. Rao

Deputy Commissioner,

Shimoga District.

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To
Mr. Kesavalingar
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No. C.3510/27-28.

OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

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Dated, Bangalore, 4th April 1928.

From

P. G. DISOUZ., ESQ., B.A., B.L.,

REVENUE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE.

The Chief Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Referring to your letter No. R.7622/R.M.3-27-18
dated 3-4-1928 enquiring if I can place at the disposal
of the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, a sum of Rs.10,000/-
asked for by him for granting immediate relief to the suf-
ferers in the disastrous accidental fire that recently
occurred at Issur, Shikarpur Taluk, I have the honour to
state as follows:-

2. Out of the current year's budget provision of
Rs.95,000/- for Land Improvement Loans and of Rs.67,000/-
for Takavi Loans, allotments were made to the Districts
as follows, to begin with;

	<u>Land Improvement.</u>	<u>Takavi.</u>
Bangalore District		
Kolar	8,000	7,000
Tumkur	10,000	8,000
Mysore	10,000	8,000
Hassan	15,000	10,000
Shimoga	6,000	5,000
Madur	5,000	5,000
Chitaldrug	5,000	5,000
In reserve	30,000	14,000
Total	95,000	67,000

3. On receipt of applications for more funds from
the Deputy Commissioners of Mysore and Chitaldrug addi-
tional allotments were made to these Districts as shown

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shown below out of the amounts held in reserve:-

	<u>Land</u> <u>Improvement.</u>	<u>Takavi.</u>
For Mysore District	5,000 (on 28-10-'27)	3,000 (on 28-10-'27)
" Chitalarug "	-	5,000 (on 3-9-'27) 5,000 (on 26-9-'27)
" Mysore "	← 20,000	(on 3-1-'28)

4. Subsequently, on an application received from the Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga for the grant of an additional allotment of Rs.7500/- under Takavi for advancing to ryots of Shikarpur Taluk who suffered from the failure of the hingar rains, an additional allotment of Rs.7,500/- was placed at his disposal on 14-3-1928 under the impression that the reserve available under Land Improvement loan was Rs.25,000/- -- the allotment of Rs.20,000/- rupees sanctioned on 3-1-1928 to the Mysore District having been lost sight of and that this amount could be diverted from Land Improvement to Takavi head without Government sanction. The Comptroller to Government has now pointed out in his letter No. Loans.692 dated 31-3-1928 (copy enclosed) that the two grants (Land Improvement and Takavi) cannot be mixed up and that the balance under one head cannot be utilised for the other head without the orders of Government. He has also intimated that the balance under Land Improvement is only Rs.5,000/- and that Rs.6,500/- sanctioned in excess of the budget grant under Takavi may either be released or Government sanction obtained for the same. As this amount is absolutely required for giving advances for the sufferers in the Issur fire and in addition the Deputy Commissioner wants immediately a sum of Rs.10,000/-, I

I request that Government Orders may kindly be obtained immediately sanctioning the whole amount of Rs.16,500/- for grant under Takavi to the ryots who have suffered from the devastating fire that occurred in Issur about a month ago.

5. Requisitions have been received from Kolar and Hassan Districts for additional funds under Land Improvement and Takavi loans as noted in the margin.

	<u>Land Improvement.</u>	<u>Takavi.</u>	6. In
Kolar	6,000	4,000	the case of
Hassan	2,000	3,000	the Kolar
			District when

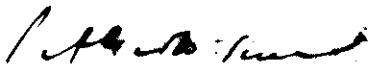
I toured in that District it came to my notice that a large number of loan applications were pending for want of funds and it was urged in the Representative Assembly with great vehemence that there were not sufficient facilities for people to obtain loans. To meet urgent requirements in this behalf the Deputy Commissioner has asked for further funds.

7. In the case of Hassan District the funds asked for are required for tiding over till the next rains the distress that has occurred in a number of villages of Kanakatte hobli of Arsikere Taluk consequent on the failure of the north-east monsoon, by advancing money for Land Improve Works in the locality with a view to provide labour for the coolly population and subsistence loans for others. As the demand in the two Districts is equally urgent, I request that in addition to the funds asked for in para 4 above, sanction may kindly be accorded for a sum of Rs.8,000/- under Land Improvement and Rs.7,000/- under Takavi.

8. In all, I request that an additional sum of Rs.8,000/- under Land Improvement and of Rs.23,500/- under Takavi may be sanctioned to meet the situation that has arisen now in the Districts of Shimoga, Kolar and Hassan.

9. Copies of letters received from the Deputy Commissioners of Kolar and Hassan in this behalf together with copies of their enclosures are enclosed for favour of information.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,



Revenue Commissioner.

K.V.



Letter No. Loans.692 dated 1st March 1928 from the Comptroller to the Government of Mysore to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

With reference to your memo No. C.1647/27-28 dated 14th March 1928, sanctioning an additional allotment of Rs.7,500/- to the Shimoga District, I have the honour to note below the details of the additional sums sanctioned by you from time to time out of the amounts held in reserve. It will be seen that there is a balance of only Rs.5,000/- under Land Improvement Loan and the grant under Takavi has exceeded by Rs.6,000/-. I therefore request you to kindly release the present sanction by Rs.6,500/- or obtain orders of Government for this excess. It is further pointed out that the two grants cannot without orders of Government be mixed up and the balance under the one utilised for the other.

A very early reply as to the action taken may be kindly sent.

~~Additional allotment sanctioned.~~
Additional allotment sanctioned.

Land Improvement. Takavi.
New. New.

Chitaldrug		5,000/-	Revenue Commissioner's No. C.333/27-28 dated 26-9-27
Do.		5,000/-	Do. 3-9-27
Mysore	5,000	3,000/-	" No. D.Dis.407/27-28 dated 21-10-27
Do,	20,000	-	" No. C.1985/27-28 dated 3-1-28
Shimoga		7,500/-	" Letter under reply
Total	25,000	20,500	out of Rs.14,000 held in reserve.
out of Rs.30,000 held in reserve.			

"Copy"

R. V. S. Srinivas
For Revenue Commissioner.

K.V. *[Signature]*

Letter No. A.7.C.1752-28/27-28 dated 11th February 1928 from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

Re: Loan allotments.

With reference to your D. O. No. T.47/27-28 dated 7th January 1928, I have the honour to state that the amount of Rs.18,000/- allotted to this District for granting loans under Land Improvement and Takavi loans was distributed to Taluks and there is only a small balance of Rs.1575/- under the two heads in reserve in this office and an additional amount is required to meet the future demands. I request that an additional allotment of Rs.10,000/- as particularised in the margin may

1 Land Improvement	6,000/-	kindly be made to
2 Takavi	4,000/-	this District for
		granting loans for

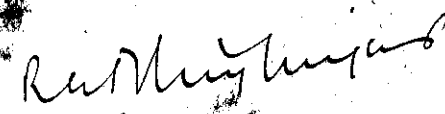
new wells and improving existing wells.

D. O. No. T.47/27-28 dated 7th January 1928 from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, to the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

In the course of my inspection of the Taluk Offices, in the Kolar District, it came to my notice that many loan applications are pending for want of funds. I shall be much obliged if you can kindly let me know if you are in need of any further allotments under Land Improvement and Takavi Loans.

2. You may recollect that, during the last meeting of the Legislative Council, it was urged with great vehemence that there were not sufficient facilities for people to obtain loans, and I am anxious, as far as possible, not to give room for such complaints.

"Copies"


For Revenue Commissioner.

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Letter No. A3-147-27 dated 12th March 1928 from the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

I have the honour to state that the Sub Division Officer, Holenarsipur Sub Division, has in his letter No. 771-27/P.R.372-27 dated the 12th January 1928, copy which is herein enclosed, brought to my notice that the dearth ~~fx~~ for fodder is keenly felt in the Kanakatte hobli in the Arsikere Taluk and he has therefore proposed that a sum of Rs.1000/- may be placed at his disposal for the purpose of advancing loans to the cattle owners not exceeding Rs.25/- in each case, the loan being repayable in one year to help the ryots to tide over the present conditions of scarcity in that locality. He has also proposed in his letter (vide para 5) that a further sum of Rs.1000/- may be sanctioned for the purpose of granting subsistence loans in sums of not more than Rs.30/- or Rs.40/- in each case, the loan being made repayable in ~~xx~~ one or two years according to the merits of each individual case.

As a first step towards relieving the tension of the situation, I have placed Rs.1000/- held in reserve under Takavi in this office at the disposal of the Sub Division Officer for immediate utilization and this amount is stated to have been fully utilised, and a further sum of Rs.1000/- has been applied for, for affording relief to the people in the Kanakatte hobli.

There are several applications pending investigation under various stages. In view of these applications attaining maturity and also in view of the fact that the situation in the locality may necessitate grant of relief till the fall of rains, I request you kindly, to place at my disposal ~~xxx~~ an additional sum of Rs.5000/- - Rs.3000 for Takavi and Rs.2000 for Land Improvement loans.

P.T.O.



Letter No. C2-771-27 dated 12th January 1928 from the Sub Division Officer, Holenarasipur Sub Division, to the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.

I have the honour to state that I toured in the Kanakatte hobly, Arsikere Taluk, from the 9th to 11th instant and closely observed the conditions of the season as prevail there. I note below for your kind information and needful action a few points that struck me as necessary to be done at present.

In the marginally noted villages it may be said that

	there is very little dry crop this
1 Kanakatte	year. The ryots are just at pre-
2 Kusavanahalli	sent gathering the very poor crop
3 Kittankere	of horse-gram that they had in their
4 Hampankatte	fields.
5 Donanakatte	
6 Sommasamudra	
7 Kadlamage	
8 Maddarahalli	
9 Bennigundihalli	
10 Shankaranahalli	3. There is no straw for fod-
11 Kumbarkatte	der to cattle. Permission to cut

date leaves in unreserved areas has just been given. Similar permission for these villages to cut date leaves in specified villages of Chikanaikanhalli and Kadur Taluks has been prayed for and recommended vide this office No. 771-27 dated 11-1-1928. The ryots of Kanakatte have been recommended for being allowed to graze in the A. M. Kaval namely Kanakatte tank bed. Besides these facilities it seems necessary to have some funds for purchase of fodder for the preservation of really valuable animals in the area. Not more than Rs.25/- may be given in each case and the loans made repayable in one year. This will enable the cattle owners to tide over the draught till the next rains commence. A sum of Rs.1000/- may be year marked for this purpose and specially granted.

4. For those among the poor who have to labour near at home for their livelihood I have recommended the immediate starting of (1) the road repair over the Kanakatte tank bund (vide this office No. dated to the Executive Engineer, copy submitted to you) and (2)

(2) the earth work to the Kittankere tank (vide No. dated to the Executive Engineer, copy submitted to you). In the case of (1) money will come from the District Funds and in the case of (2) the Kittankere ryots have deposited contribution. If these works are carefully utilised for the aforesaid purpose through local contractors these may suffice to provide livelihood for the poor of these affected villages till they find the normal agricultural labour.

5. For subsistence loans which may be made repayable in one year or two years, a provision of Rs.1000/- may be provided to be given as takavi in sums of not more than Rs.30 or 40/- in each case.

6. There are not many artisans in these villages but a sum of Rs.500/- may be kept in readiness to meet demands under this head that may be made in the coming months. Loans may be given on collateral security to be repaid in one year in sums not exceeding Rs.30/- in each case.

7. There is no visible deterioration in the condition of men and cattle so far. If we are provided with the provision urged above the probable needs of the locality will have been met, so far as one can see at present.

8. There have been petitions for remission and suspension of revenue from some villages (including Kanakatte) in Arsikere Taluk. These will be dealt with during Jamabandy with reference, to standing orders and reports submitted in due course.

"Copy"


For Revenue Commissioner.

K.V. 

B. K. GARUDACHAR.

BANGALORE CITY.

6th April 1928

Dear Mr. Kesaviengar,

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As per letter No. R7619 dated 3rd instant from Mr. N. Madhava Rao, B.A., B.L., Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore and your D.O No. ML.A.F.95/27-28 dated 2nd instant, I herein enclose a cheque for Rs 1500/- only amount available at present for distribution to the sufferers of " Issur " village, Shikaripur taluk of your District. After distributing the amount, a detailed --- statement for payments made to the sufferers be sent for the information of the Committee. *Kindly acknowledge the cheque*

Yours sincerely,

Vice-Chairman,

Mysore Distress Relief Fund.

*B.T. Karimnagar, M.
D. 17. 1928
Chinnappa*

Copy forwarded with compliments

to Mr. N. Madhava Rao, ESQ., B.A., B.L., Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore.

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Office of the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore,
Dated Bangalore, 9th April 1928.

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Subject:--

Official Memorandum.

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This office Official Memorandum No.D(1).Dis.57/27-28 dated 27th July 1927 distributing the Budget Provision of Rs.95,000/- under Land Improvement Loans and of Rs.67,000/- under Takavi among the Districts, and placing sums of Rs.8,000/- and Rs.5,000/- respectively under Takavi at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioners of Tumkur and Chitaldrug.

2. Telegrams from the Deputy Commissioners of Tumkur and Chitaldrug, intimating that they can surrender Rs.2,000/- and Rs.1,000/- respectively under Takavi.

The sums of Rs.2,000/- and Rs.1,000/- surrendered by the Deputy Commissioners of Tumkur and Chitaldrug are hereby resumed and this aggregate sum of Rs.3000/- is placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, for grant of relief to the sufferers in the accidental fire at Issur, Shikarpur.

(Sd). P. G. D'SOUZA.

Revenue Commissioner.

- Rev 10/4/28* *WV* *W*
- To
1. The Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, in continuation of this office Memo No.C.3510/27-28 dated 5th April 1928.
 2. The Deputy Commissioners of Tumkur and Chitaldrug Districts for information.

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Memo.

Copy is forwarded, with compliments, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, for information in continuation of this office letter No.C.3510/27-28 dated 5th April 1928

P. G. D'Souza

Revenue Commissioner.

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read:-

Letter No. D1-261-2847-27 dated 2nd April 1928 from the Chief Conservator of Forests stating that at the instance of the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, he has issued instructions to the Conservator of Forests, Shimoga Circle for necessary action being taken to the issue of licenses for the removal of timber and building materials by the sufferers in an accidental fire at Issur village, Shikarpur Taluk on the 13th March 1928 and requesting approval of his action.

Order No. G 11683-51 H 4-27-13

Dated Bangalore, the 18th April 1928.

A p p r o v e d.

W. J. Henry

For General Secretary to Government.

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

The Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District.

Copy to Rev. Branch

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*Subtd for perusal. This will
be placed in the main file which has
been subtd separately.*

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Proceedings of the Government of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read:-

Letter No.C.3510/27-28 dated 5th April 1928 from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding copy of letter No.Loans 692 dated 31st March 1928 from the Comptroller and requesting for reasons stated, that an additional sum of Rs.8000/- under Land Improvement and of Rs.23,500/- under Takavi Loans may be sanctioned to meet the situation that has arisen now in the Districts of Shimoga, Kolar and Hassan.

2. Memo No.C.3510/272-8 dated 10th April 1928 from the same officer forwarding copy of his O.M. dated 9th April 1928 stating that a sum of Rs.2,000/- and Rs.1,000/- surrendered by the Deputy Commissioners of Tumkur and Chitaldrug Districts, respectively under Takavi Loans are resumed and that the aggregate sum of Rs.3,000/- is placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, for grant of relief to the sufferers in the accidental fire at Issur, Shikarpur Taluk.

Order No.

R 8136-40/R.M.3-27-28
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Dated Bangalore, the 1928

In order to meet additional demands
P.T.O.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Read:-

D.O. Letter, dated 15th March 1928, from the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, to the Chief Secretary to Government reporting the occurrence of a disastrous accidental fire at Issur Village, Shikaripur Taluk, Shimoga District, and the measures taken to afford relief.

2. Lett- D.O. Letter dated the 16th March 1928, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore about the same.

ORDER NO. *R7494-96*
28/3/28
DATED ? Bangalore. *28/3/28* March 1928

Issur is a village in the Shikarpur Taluk, having ~~a~~ about 400 to 500 houses, and a pupulation of 2000 persons. A fire is said to have occurred accidentally in the village on the 13th of March 1928, at about mid-day, which, practically destroyed all the houses therein. The number of deaths, as ascertained at present, is about 26 including 3 or 4 children, and the number of persons who received burns is estimated at 55. The loss of property is estimated at about 2 or 3 lakhs of rupees. The Revenue Commissioner who was touring in the Shimoga District went to the spot with the Deputy Commissioner, on hearing about it, and made arrangements to give the necessary relief to the destitute people.

2. The following are the relief measures proposed:

- (1) A grant of Rs. 2000/- for affording relief to the sufferers in the matter of food and clothing.
- (2) Free grant of timber from State Forests for building houses.
- (3) Remission of Kandayam during the current year amounting to about Rs. 4000/-

A grant of Rs. 2000/- is sanctioned, and the amount will be placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner,

from the several Districts the Revenue Commissioner asks for an extra allotment of Rs.8,000/- under Land Improvement and Rs.20,500/- under Takavi Loans. These amounts are sanctioned. The Revenue Commissioner is however requested to see that the grant of Takavi Loans is confined as far as possible to tracts in which there is distress or special difficulty. The amount required will be provided by reappropriation from the provision of Rs.50,000/- made for granting loans to the Yedatore House Building Co-operative Society and that of Rupees one lakh to the Appex Bank, Bangalore. If such reappropriation is not found possible, a supplemental demand will be placed before the Legislative Council at the next session.



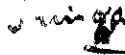
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVT.

To

The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

" Deputy Commissioners of Kolar and Hassan.

" Comptroller to Government through Financial Secretariat.



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R 8131
RM3-27-24 (a) 23.4.28
To

The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

Sir,

to be filled up after
the issue of the G.O.

In continuation of Government Order
No. R. 8136-40
RM3-27-23 (a) dated 23rd April 1928
sanctioning additional allotments under Takavi
and Land Improvement Loans to the Shimoga, Kolar
and Hassan Districts, I am directed to draw
your attention to the fact that there is a
reserve of Rs.5000 under Land Improvement with
you as pointed out by the Comptroller and
referred to in para 4 of your letter No. C.3510-
27-28 dated 5th April 1928. I am to add that
the actual amount spent may be reported in time
so as to enable G.O. to place a supplemental demand before the
Legislative Council should occasion arise.

I have etc.,

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Chief Secretary to Government.

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Draft Final Note.

Subject -

The occurrence of a disastrous fire at Issur Village in the Shikarpur Taluk.

Issur is a prosperous village in the Shikarpur Taluk having about 400 to 500 houses, and a population of about 2000 persons. A fire is said to have occurred accidentally in the village at about mid-day on the 13th March 1923, which, with the help of a strong favorable wind, destroyed practically all the houses in the village. The number of deaths is ascertained to be 32 and the number that sustained burns is about 35. The total loss of property is roughly estimated at about 2 to 3 lakhs of rupees.

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The Revenue Commissioner who was touring in the Shimoga District went to the spot with the Deputy Commissioner on hearing about it, and made arrangements to give the necessary relief to the destitute people. A relief kitchen to dole out cooked food to the needy was opened promptly. Milk and clothing were supplied to the children. A relief Committee was also formed on the spot to see to the necessary operations.

Government have sanctioned the following measures of relief in their order No. R. 7494-96/L.R. 3-27-15 dated the 27th March 1923.

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(1) A grant of Rs.2000/- for affording relief to the sufferers in the matter of food and clothing.

(2) Free grant of timber from State Forests for building houses.

It is also the intention of Government to order remission of kadayam to the extent required, on receipt of a definite formal official reference from the Revenue Commissioner in the matter. The Revenue Commissioner reports that ~~the~~ he has given instructions to the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, not to collect any kadayam from the villagers.

Mr. B.K. Carudachar, the Vice Chairman of the Mysore Distress Relief Fund, who was requested to spare a sum of Rs.2000/- from the said funds, to provide additional relief to the affected people, intimates in his D.O. dated 6th April 1928 that he has sent direct to the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, a cheque for Rs. 1500/-.

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As requested by the Deputy Commissioner and recommended by the Revenue Commissioner, an additional amount of Rs. 10,000/- has been sanctioned for relief under Takavi loans in Government Order No. R. 8136-40/R.M. 3-27-23 dated the 23rd April 1928.

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The Revenue Commissioner has also been requested to send up proposals for propaganda work to prevent such accidents in future in consultation with the Deputy Commissioner and leading men of the Shimoga District.

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District.

The connected papers on the subject
are herewith submitted for His Highness'
gracious perusal.

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FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

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D.O.No.C.4207/27-28.

OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

Bangalore,.....25th.....May.....192 8
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Dear Mr. Sundararaja Iyengar,

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R A copy of D.O. letter dated 16th March 1928 sent by the Revenue Commissioner to the Chief Secretary in connection with the accidental fire at Issur, Shikarpur Taluk, is urgently required for reference in connection with a communication that has been received from the Comptroller. May I therefore request you to send a copy of the said D.O. at your earliest convenience and oblige.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Supt. Compt. 29/5
to Bank with file at once
Dr. M. S. 12/6/28
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Dr. M. S. 12/6/28
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SUBJECT.....

Diary No. of letter replied to..... 6826/-

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue..... 16-6-28

Signed by..... *W. N. S. S.*

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To

The Assistant to
the Revenue Commr.

Dear Mr. Naraniyengar

As desired in your D.O.

letter no. C. 4207/27-28 of 26/5/28

I am send herewith a copy

of D.O. letter no. dated 16th

March 1928 about the accidental

fire at Smt. Srikaripen's house.

Yours sincerely,

SS
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R.M.3-27-31

No. C.4470(A)/27-28.

OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

Bangalore, 8th June 1928

FROM

P. G. D'SOUZA, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

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R 12/6/28

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.Rev
9/6/28

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. R.7710/R.M.3-27-19 dated 5-4-1928 and the subsequent reminder dated 5th June 1928 calling for proposals about the measures to be adopted to prevent fire accidents in future, I have the honor to state that the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, has been requested to submit his proposals in the matter and his report is awaited. An urgent reminder has been issued to day and as soon as it is received I will submit my views in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Subtd for perusal.

(The main file has been

Subtd separately and on receipt of which this will be linked to it).

Timely reminders will be sent K.V. until the report called for is received.

Assistant Commissioner,
For Revenue Commissioner,
Absent from the station.

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OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE,

Dated Bangalore, ... 12th July 1928.

P. G. D'SOUZA, ESQ., B.A., B.L.,
REVENUE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
13 JULY 1928

To
The Chief Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. R. 7710/R.M. 3-27-19 B
dated the 5th April 1928 and subsequent reminders calling for proposals re: measures to be adopted to prevent fire accidents in future, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of letter No. M. 4-C. 1913/27-28 dated the 13th June 1928 from the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, furnishing his views in the matter, and to state that I am in general agreement with the suggestions contained therein. It is desirable to have a Gokatte near each village in order to make water available at all times in the village. This Gokatte will not only be useful for supplying water for extinguishing fire during a contingency but will serve to provide drinking water facilities to cattle especially in the Malnad where there is considerable difficulty ~~for~~ felt during the summer season.

2. I am issuing instructions to the Deputy Commissioners to include in the programme of Village Improvement Works the provision of a Gokatte for each Village Panchayet and to see that each village is provided with one as early as practicable.

As rightly observed by the Deputy Commissioner, the question of changing thatched houses into tiled ones is beset with practical difficulties and all that can be done is to take steps to mitigate the evils arising from accidents such as the one that occurred in ~~the~~ the suggestions made by the Deputy Commissioner in this ~~matter~~ be adopted as far as practicable.

P.T.O.

4. In the Malnad specially there is great difficulty in getting tiles which are very costly. The majority of the people also cannot afford to buy these tiles. It may be possible to render some help by a system of loans but the chief obstacle is the security required. As the economic condition of the people improves they will themselves go in for a better class of houses and our first aim should be to improve this economic condition and for this purpose we should concentrate attention on improvements in agriculture, provision of cheap capital etc. The question is therefore one of a very general character and which cannot be satisfactorily dealt with from any one particular standpoint. As a first step the proposals of the Deputy Commissioner may be given effect to and the improvement of rural housing should be taken up as a part of the larger question of rural improvement.

I have the honour to be

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,



Revenue Commissioner.

Letter No.M.4-C. 1913/27-28 dated 13th June 1928, from the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

With reference to your No.4470/27-28 dated 7th April 1928, calling for proposals re:the measures to be adopted to prevent fire accidents, etc., I have the honour to state that so long as thatched houses exist it is next to impossible to prevent effectively fire accidents although steps may be taken to mitigate the evils resulting therefrom. As regards replacing all thatched structures by tiled houses, the solution of the question is attended with practical difficulties. It is not possible for all people to put up tiled houses, for, these cost much more than thatched huts. The timber to be used would have to be of a better quality and there should be facility for obtaining tiles at a reasonable cost. Further skilled labour is required for putting up such houses. Such labour is not easily available in the interior villages. Again, there are certain inherent advantages in thatched sheds, viz. the sheds keep cool in summer and warm in winter which should make us think whether it is desirable to do away with them altogether. It is perhaps for this reason that in some of the Districts exposed to extremes of temperature in British India, even official quarters and travellers' lodges are thatched. As regards obtaining loans for replacing thatched by tiles, few people take advantage of the facilities offered by Government and this, I think, is due to the fact that the poorer classes cannot afford to invest any money on building a better type of houses. The better classes do not need the loan. The richer classes use Mangalore tiles for the main buildings but construct thatched sheds for their bath rooms, cow-sheds, granary and store-rooms. It will thus be seen that habits of the people in a locality govern to a great extent the modes of dwelling houses they put up. These habits cannot be changed in a short time.

It is therefore sufficient if we can device measures to mitigate the evil arising from such accidents. There must be sufficient water available close to villages or homesteads for speedily extinguishing fires. This can only be secured by

concerted action on the part of the villagers. Each house also should keep sufficient water for this purpose. Propagandist work will have to be done in this direction and pamphlets distributed. The Panchayat may be encouraged to keep fire-extinguishers. I have suggested to the Amildars to start a fund in each Taluk for providing for fire distress and to stock some quantity of ~~zink~~ zinc sheets for affording ready help to sufferers from fire accidents. Considering the number of accidents that take place, the casualty is generally very small.

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Rathnayana
For Revenue Commissioner

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CHIEF SECRETARY.- We will make a full statement giving all the particulars in the course of the day. (Fire in Issur Village.

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Page 159. (Adjournment motion re: heavy losses both of property and lives on account of fire in the Issur Village.)

PRESIDENT.- We have thought of appointing a Committee of officials and non-officials to go into the question and to induce the people to build ^{detached} ~~detailed~~ tiled houses.

[Fire in Issur Village]

CHIEF SECRETARY.
27 JULY 1928
Mr M W
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MR.P.G.D'SOUZA.- our idea is to give them loans to re-build their houses. The one remedy is to see that people build detached houses as suggested by the Dewan. This is a matter which is engaging the attention of Government. Government want to give liberal assistance and everything is done to prevent these unfortunate occurrences.

[Fire in Son Village]

CHIEF SECRETARY
27 JULY 1972

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MR. PRESIDENT.- It is necessary in any case to prohibit the use of sugar-cane leaves for roofing the houses.

MR. P. G. D' SOUZA.- and if more is wanted, it will be given..... They would be allowed free timber. We have taken every precaution and will be as generous as possible.

[Fin in Dore Village]

Recd
CHIEF SECRETARY,
27 JULY 1928
Mr. M. N. V.
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No. 159-66/L.C.

25th July 1928.

Official Memorandum

The accompanying list of promises made at the last March Session (1928) of the Legislative Council, is forwarded with compliments to the Chief Secretary to Government for favor of necessary action.

By order,

Sd/- N. Deva Rao

For Ex-officio Secretary
R.A. and L.C.

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
(Re. Fire at Issur)

*As regards (1) no further action seems necessary.
(2) (3) (4) (5) may be incorporated in the Issur file which is being dealt with now.*

Mr. Dyke

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The main file has been subd with a draft O. M. separately. This will be incorporated on receipt of the file in the Promiss.

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May this be

i Printed?

yes (vide chief
secy's orders
on the draft)

ii treated as a standing order? No.

iii published in the Gazette,
English Part?

yes 20.12.1928. pp 443-28.

iv translated?

of Part I. yes.

v placed at the disposal of the press?

yes.

vi published in the Gazette,
Kannada Part?

yes.

Subtd for orders.

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An adjournment motion was brought up
at the last meeting of the Legislative Council
in reference to an accidental fire, accom-
panied with some loss of life and considerable
damage to property, which had occurred in the
village of Issur in Shikarpur Taluk in March
1928. In the course of the discussions, the
attention of Government was drawn to the need
of adopting preventive measures calculated to
reduce the risks of accidental fire in rural
areas, particularly in the Malnad, where such
fires are frequent and at times involve the
destruction of whole villages. The Govern-
ment promised to have an ^{investigation} inspection made into
the matter and accordingly requested the
Revenue Commissioner and the Deputy Commis-
sioner, Shimoga District, to submit their
views in consultation with the leading men of
the District.

2. In the reports now received, the Deputy
Commissioner points out that the ultimate
solution of the difficulty lies in getting
people to build houses with tiled roofs and
non-inflammable materials but that owing to
economic and other causes, progress in this
direction must necessarily be slow. In the
meantime, certain palliative measures are
recommended in order to minimise destruction
of property consequent on the occurrence of
accidental fires and to afford prompt relief
to the sufferers. The Deputy Commissioner
considers that propaganda work should be done
with a view to inducing people to keep a
^{sufficient} supply of water in their houses for ^{putting out} quenching
any accidental
fires and adopt other inexpensive precautions.

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Government of his highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. R. 4791-4850—R. M. 3-27-50, dated 10--11th December 1928.

Accidental Fires.

Directs the adoption of certain measures calculated to minimise the occurrence of
— specially in the malnad areas.

ORDER No. R. 4791-4850—R. M. 3-27-50, DATED 10--11TH DECEMBER 1928.

An adjournment motion was brought up at the last meeting of the Legislative Council with reference to an accidental fire, accompanied with some loss of life and considerable damage to property, which had occurred in the village of Issur in Shikarpur Taluk in March 1928. In the course of the discussions, the attention of Government was drawn to the need for adopting preventive measures calculated to reduce the risks of accidental fire in rural areas, particularly in the Malnad, where such fires are frequent and, at times, involve the destruction of whole villages. The Government promised to have an investigation made into the matter and accordingly requested the Revenue Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, to submit their views in consultation with the leading men of the district.

2. In the reports now received, the Deputy Commissioner points out that the ultimate solution of the difficulty lies in getting people to build houses with tiled roofs and non-inflammable materials but that owing to economic and other causes, progress in this direction must necessarily be slow. In the meantime, certain palliative measures are recommended in order to minimise destruction of property consequent on the occurrence of accidental fires and to afford prompt relief to the sufferers. The Deputy Commissioner considers that propaganda work should be done with a view to inducing people to keep a sufficiency of water in their houses for putting out any accidental fires and to adopt other inexpensive precautions. He also pointed out to the Village Panchayets the desirability of providing themselves, where possible, with fire extinguishers and of keeping in stock a quantity of zinc sheets for affording ready relief to people who may be rendered homeless. The Revenue Commissioner states that each village should have a *Gokatte* and that provision for this is being made in the programme of Village Improvement Works.

3. Government are of opinion that if people could be induced to build detached tiled houses in the villages, the damage due to accidents from fire would be minimised to a considerable extent. With this among other objects in view, Government have been pleased to authorise the grant of loans for building tiled houses in place of thatched ones in rural areas. *Vide* Government Order No. R. 50-104—L. R. 299-25-42, dated the 17th October 1926 and R. 7319-78—R. M. 16-26-22, dated 5th May 1927. But it is a matter for regret that this concession has not been freely utilised by the people in the Malnad. Government are not, however, without hope that if a sustained and vigorous propaganda is carried on and a proper lead is given to the people in the matter by local officers, the advantages of living in well-built houses would be more widely appreciated and the concessions above referred to more largely availed of. They therefore desire that District Officers should take more active steps in the matter with the co-operation of local bodies and leading citizens. Propaganda in this behalf should be regarded as a matter of real importance in the work of the District Boards, the Malnad Improvement Committees and the Village Panchayets.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Heads of Departments.
The Superintending Engineers of Mysore and Shimoga Circles.

PRESS TABLE.

EXD.—P. S. R. N.